

# Animals: Got Culture?



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Rats near Italy's Po River dine on shellfish by diving into the river.



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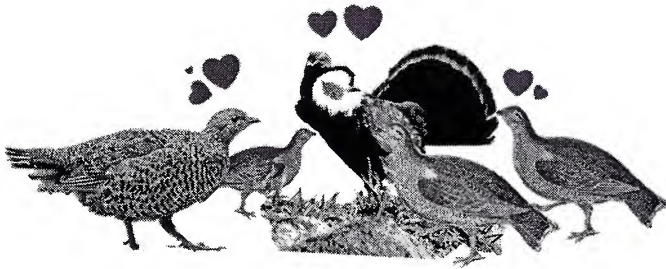


One community of Orangutans gives a Bronx cheer before going to bed for the night.

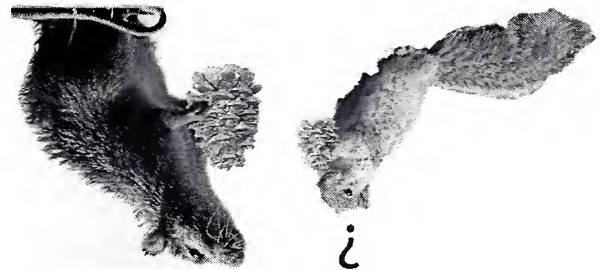
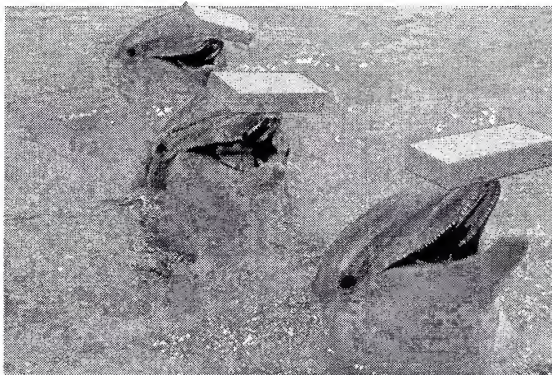


After given sweet potatoes by a local community of people, a Macaque monkey took its potatoes to the river and began washing them. Soon after, all the monkeys in the community took their sweet potatoes and washed them at the river too.

Researchers found that female Grouse observe and imitate their female peers when choosing a mate, picking the mate with the most females surrounding him.



Some dolphins use sponges, carrying them on their noses to ferret food from the sea bottom.



Black rats outside of Jerusalem imitate squirrels by adapting to eat pine cones.

Chimpanzee communities vary widely in their cultural behaviors. For ant hunting, chimps in some communities use stones as hammers, other groups use only sticks to fish for ants, and some chimps communities do not use tools, by simply break the earth apart to find their treat.

